

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : AKITOSHI FUKAI et al.  
Application No. : 10/541,960  
Filed : July 08,2005  
For : SEALING VALVE FOR MEDICAL APPARATUS, CONNECTION  
PORT, MIXTURE INJECTION TUBE, CONNCTION TOOL FOR  
INFUSION CIRCUIT, AND CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR INFUSION  
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Dear Sir:

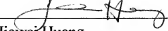
Enclosed are an European Search Report and a PTO Form 1449 listing ( 2 ) references that are also enclosed. Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Applicants submit the references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is request to make the citation(s) of official record.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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